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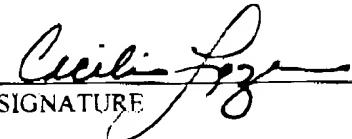
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- 4) Amendment Transmittal Letter (in duplicate): (4 pages)
- 5) Petition for a three-month Extension of Time (in duplicate): (2 pages)
- 6) Response to Office Action mailed May 9, 2001: (21 pages)
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To expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, attached is a copy of the Response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2001, Exhibit A attached to the Response, the Petition for Extension of Time, check no. 027577 in the amount of \$1,232.00, the Amendment Transmittal Letter, and postcard, as originally filed by first class mail on November 7, 2001. In view of the current delays in mail service to the USPTO, and the indication from Examiner K. Lacourciere over the telephone on November 26, 2001, that the Response mailed November 7, 2001, has not yet been received, it is respectfully requested that prosecution proceed on the basis of the attached copy of the Response as originally filed.

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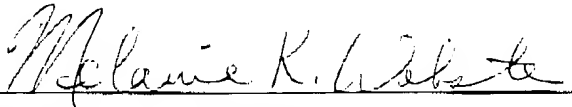
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No other fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0370.

Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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  - ☒ Petition for a three-month Extension of Time (in duplicate)
- Applicant's Name Hoch and Dartois  
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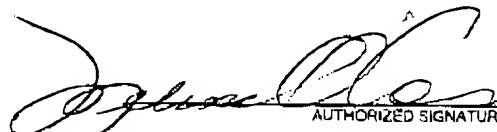
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Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2001, in the above-identified application.

X Exhibit A attached to the Response.

     Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

X Petition for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).

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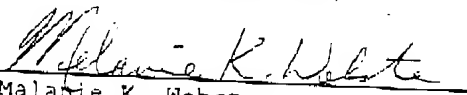
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